

ABSTRACT

A drawing apparatus 1 comprises a drawing furnace 11, a protecting tube 21, and a resin curing unit 31. A buffer chamber 41 is disposed between the drawing furnace 11 and the protecting tube 21, and has a length L1 in the drawing direction of the optical fiber 3. The buffer chamber 41 is constituted by a first buffer cell 42 and a second buffer cell 45. In the space within the buffer chamber 41, an He gas, which is an atmosphere gas within the drawing furnace 11, and the air, which is an atmosphere gas within the protecting tube 21, exist in a mixed state. The optical fiber 3 drawn upon heating in the drawing furnace 11 is fed to the protecting tube 21, and a predetermined part of the optical fiber 3 is annealed at a predetermined cooling rate. Thereafter, a coating die 62 coats the optical fiber 3 with a UV resin solution 63, and the resin curing unit 31 cures the UV resin 63, whereby a coated optical fiber 4 is obtained.